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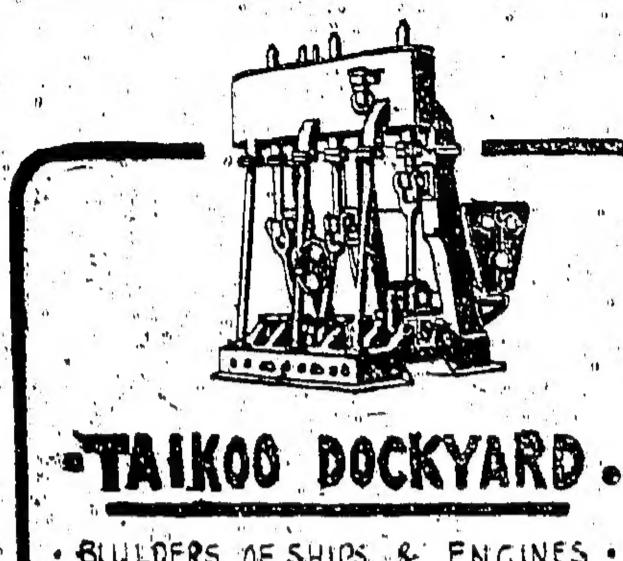
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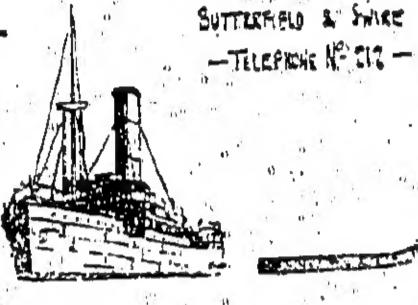
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FURIOUS FIGHTING. STEADY BRITISH PROGRESS.

London, April 23. Renter's Correspondent at British Eleadquarters, telegraphing this evening, states that further fighting is progressing.

The situation can be summed upas follows:-" We have taken over 1,500 prisoners. Our guns have inflieted very heavy casualties. We have done well in place's. We have done so well in others, that we are now confronted not with a regular trench system but with immunerable disconnected defensive patches in the shape of small redoubts attaverses and saps. Hence, while the Germans who are indifferently sheltered, are heavily punished by our shell fire, the advance is slow against their their losses.

FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

GERMANS ACCEPTING BATTLE IN THE OPEN.

LONDON, April 24. Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing to day, states: which is now a progressing on British front is the fiercest the whole war. The Germans are enemy constantly repeated his unsuethrowing in large reserves and have broughtsup a great number of fresh guns. They probably realise that the battle now developing may assume a decisive character and are therefore, resisting desperately. This is exactly what we most wanted.

They are certainly now accepting buttle in the open. Hitherto we have gained much and lost nothing. As I write, the guns are as boisterous as a hurricane. The great struggle is going on with undiminished intensity, under the deep blue sky everywhere.

ery heavy. ENEMY COUNTER-ATTACKING REPEATEDLY IN MASS.

I hear the German casualties are

SUFFERING APPALLING LOSSES.

LONDON, April 24. Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, states that the Germans clearly realise, and are desperately trying to counter, the menace to their whole system of communications lying on the new British and French offensive. During the past 38 hours they have been throwing in strategic reserves wholesale and recklessly, and also rushing Foulon valley and at Craonne. up guns and ammunition as fast as possible. The enemy's present tuctics strongly contrast with their tions on the plateau of Chemins-desrecent, methods, when they mani- Dames, and in the direction of Juvinfested a desire to conserve their man power. He is repeatedly counterattacking in mass, regardless of the

appulling cost. Despite the furious resistance we are stendily gaining ground at various important points forming the main objective. To the east of Monehy, we crept towards the high ground across the Aubepines gulley, thereby, improving our hold on this key to the position.

Our artillery appears to be gradually subduing the very active enemy fire in the region of the Scurpe. We are constantly keeping the Arros-

Dound railway under fire, making the bringing up of Hun ammunition very difficult. The fighting is most severe in the Scarpe valley. The steadlastness of the British infantry was never more splendidly demonstrated than in the heroic fighting which is

proceeding from Gavrolli to Croi-It is impossible, within a reasonwhile space, to tell of the heroism and dash displayed. We progressed wellto the south of the Cambrai Road. Strong patrols are established on the St. Quentin canal at Vendhuille. I midway between St. Quentin and

Donai? The cutting of the Canal

deprives the Germans of one of their

main means of communication. 40 AEROPLANES BROUGHT DOWN.

One of the most striking features machine-gans. Our Business at pre- has been the sudden and emphatic sent is the clearing out of the widely- reassertion of four air dominance. burrowed enemy by pounding every | Yesterday we brought down 40 aeroacre of the honey-combed ground planes, of which 15 crushed to the instead of assaulting positions front- ground. Only two of ours are missally. The Germans are bound ing. Our airmen certainly are desperately to resist here, but the justifying their expressed ability to more they resist the heavier will be drive the Hun from the sky in a week, given fine weather, of which we have had three days now...

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORT.

OVER 1,500 PRISONERS: MORE

London; April 24. Field-Marshal "Sir Douglas Haig reports:-

Severe fighting continued on Mon-I believe that it is true battle day evening and during the night, the along the whole front, from Croiselles of to the horthward of Gavrelle. The cessful counter-attacks with great determination and losses. We maintained our positions which we gained on Monday. ...

He further progressed to the eastward of Monchy-le-Preux, and alsoin the neighbourhood of Roeux. We successfully beat off a violent counter-attack at Gavrelle.

Our prisoners exceed 1,500 and many more are coming in."

We gained ground during the night on a wide front to the east of Epehy, and reached the St. Quentin Canal. In the neighbourhood of Vendhuile we captured the villages of Villersplouich and Beaucamp, further to the north.

PROGRESS BY THE FRENCH.

LONDON, April 24. A French communiqué reports : Our artillery beat down some enemy batteries in the regions of St. Quentin and the Oise.

Two German a reconnaisances, endeavouring to reach our lines, in the direction of Hancourt, were repulsed with heavy losses.

There is a violent artillery struggle in the region of Heurtbise and in the There were minor actions enabling

us to advance and improve our postcourt, where we carried a German We successfully bombarded the

enemy's lines of communication in the Chumpogne.

FRENCH HOSPITAL SHIPS TO "CAERY GERMAN WOUNDED.

Panis, April 24 It is officially stated that after the German announcement that bospital ships would be torpedoed, the French

Government intimated that German prisoners would be embarked on such

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NUTIOE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HERERY GIVEN that the FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Hearl Office, No. 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, "on THURSDAY the 28th April, 1017, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 4916, and of declaring Dividends &c.,

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. C. MONTAGUE EDE, "General Manager. Hongkong, April 14, 1917. " 1676

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REMARKS BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR RESENTED.

As briefly reported in last night's, (Holloway & Newall), S. C. Ismail Thing Mail, an extraordinary meet- (S. C. Ismail & Co.), W. C. Jack ing of members of the Hongkong (W. C. Jack & Co., Ltd.), Hon. Mr. of eye strain you should General Chamber of Commerce was held ht the Chamber of Commerce Hooper (Johnson, Stokes & Master), rooms last evening for the purpose of hearing a statement from the Chairman and representative of the Chamber on the Legislative Council M. Maitland (Linstead & Davis), J. (the Elon. Mr. P. H. Holyouk) with de B. Lüngaster (Liverpool & London respect to the attitude of the Govern- & Globe Insurance Co., Ltd.), M. ment towards the proposal made on P. Beattie (W. R. Loxley & Co.) behalf of the Chamber that the A. E. Griffin and G. G. Wood gleigh German's should be excluded from donald & Co.). S. J. aChinghen THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the the Colony for 'ten years after the (Marine Insurance " Association of war. The attendance was very large, the following members being present : -- Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Mosses, H. A. Cartweight, W. Dun? bar, A. G. Gordon, R. Hanckele, W. Logan, M. S. Sassoon, Han, Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., F. P. Talati, G Lindin (A. B. The Swollish Teading Co., Ltd.1, C. A. Arculli (Arculli Bros.), W. H. Bell, and W. Manning (Asiatic Petroleum Co., Lid.), T. N. Loughlin (The" Bank Line, Ltd.), S. Jenevite (Bank of Taiwan, Ltd.), A. Breson (Banker & Co.), L. Derindoggue' (Banque' de l'Indo-Chine). A. J. Botelho (Botelho Bros.), F. C. Butcher (Brudley & Co., Ltd.), V. In Fairly (British American Tobacco Co., Ltd.), G. T. Edkirs (Butterfield & Swire), F. W. S. Eyans Ormiston (Stewart Bros.), H. (Caldbeck Macgregor), J. N. Wallace Stephens (H. Stephens & Co.), Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, J. H. Brister (The Texas Co.), J. Ltd.), E. B. Gooper (Cawasjee Pals Montague Esle Union Insurance) clanice & Co.), J. S. Thomson (Car. Society of Canton, Ltd.), A. Ritchie michael & Glarke), W. L. Carter (United Asbestos Oriental Agency, (China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd.), T. Leerman (China Light & Fower Co., Ltd.), Oil Co.), He Humphreys (A. S. H. Taylor (China Provident Loan Watson & Co., Ltd.), C. E. H. A Mortgage Co., Ltd.), C. H. P. Beavis (Wilkinson & Grist), Hay (China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 1. J. M. Shaw (China Sugar Monteith-Webb (B. Monteith-Webb Refining Co., Ltd.), B., W. Tape & Co.), E. Ono (Yokohama' Specie (China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Bank, Ltd.), L. H. Leung (Yuen Ltd.), J. Thomas (Compagnie Des Hop Hong), and E. A. M. Williams Messageries Maritime), J. L. M. do. (Secretary). Rozario (Connell Bros.), Hore Mr. E: a Shellim (David Sassoon & Co., the committee, Hon. Mr. C. E. Ltd.), A. David and C. J. Ellis (S. J. David & Co.s. F. B. L. Bowley Montague Ede, Mr A. O. Lang, Mr.

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The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyonk presided, supported by the members of Anton, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. C. (Dennys & Bowley); S. H. Dodwell Hon, Mr. E. Shellim, Mr. N. J G. T. Edkins, Mr. E. V. D. Parr,

White (Douglas S.S. Co.), K. S. The Hon. Mr. Holyonk said :---Morrison (Eastern Asbestos Co.), E. The hour for which this meeting was GLASGOW . Messrs A. R. Brown, called having already passed, I will ! proceed to address you on the sub-Association of Hongkong), C. M. S. ject for which you have been called. Alves (Fung Tung), A. B. Rayworth together this afternoon. Briefly, it (The General Electric Co. of China, is this; that a resolution which was unanimously adopted by your elected & Co.), R. Henderson (Green Island Legislative Council, and we have Cement Co., Ltd.), W. Pattenden now brought you here to put it before (Gilman & Co., Ltd.), T. Arthur you for you to endorse it, if it seems (Goddard & Douglas), H. Hancock to you fit. The resolution which I (A. & S. Hancock), W. A. Hannibal have to propose, and it is identically SINGON (W. A. Hannibul & "Co.), W. E. the same as that proposed at the Clark (Hongkong, Canton & Macao, the opinion of this meeting of the Steuinbont Co., Ltd.), G. Currie Hongkong Chamber of Commerce (Hongkong & Cilina Gas Co., Ltd.), that it is in the best interests of the F. Graham (Hougkong Electric Co., Colony that persons of German Ltd.), W. S. Brown (Hongkong & nationality should be excluded there-Kowloon Whart & Godown Co., Ltd.), from for a period of at least ten years J. J. Tavares (Hongkong Rope Manu- following the declaration of peace, facturing Cor. Ltd.), N. J. Stabb and that subsequently they only be (Hongkong & Shanghai Banking admitted into the Colony under strict Corporation), W. E. Roberts (Hong- licence. And-now, gentlemen, we kong Tramway Co., Ltd.), B. M. contend that, speaking on behalf Dyer (Hongkong & Whampon Dock of the Chamber, there should be no Co., Ltd.), T. F. Hough (Hughes & hesitation on the part of the Govern-Hough), W. M. Humphreys and W. ment in adopting this resolution. It G. Humphreys (W. G. Humphreys was largely academic, and did not & Co.), H. Humphreys (J. D. Hum- seek legislation; but merely asked

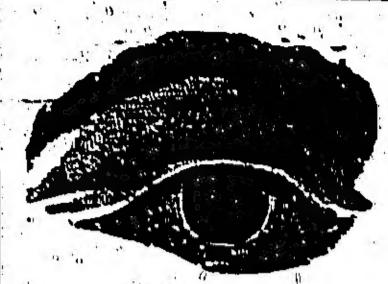
phreys & Co.), T. E. Pearce (J. D. that the considered, and carefully Hutenison & Co.), A. A. Olaxton considered, opinion of your elected Committee should be put before the authorities at Home who are shortly meeting to consider this very question. We claimed that we had a right to voice our opinion, as, whilst the greater Colonies will be repre-

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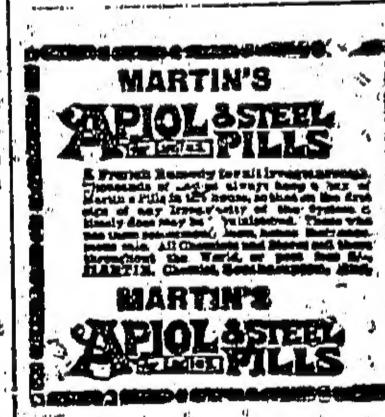
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TRADE. (Continued from page 2.) sented directly by their own representatives, we, as a Crown Colony. will be represented by the Sceretary of State for the Colonies, and, without a direct pronouncement from the Chamber in no uncertain manner, we should be largely at the mercy of Government dispatches and recommendations which may not known to us. Now, gentlemen, further contend that this resolution was never seriously discussed by the Governor-in-Council, and that Excellency's speech, where it not dippant in argument, was any mte unfortunate, to say the least of it, sin choice of hinguage. Coffee Cups and Saucers; Glass Ware, [Henr. hear and applause.) " It has been said, and was said by the other side at the Council that the appeal was made largely upon sentiment; and ignored economic facts. In the 1713 first place, it is impossible, in connection with this war, to ignore senth this Colony would have to fall in with, put forward that they will have to ment. The entry of England into and would do so gladly-(Hear, compete without the banking and disthis war was in the very first place hear). But we did contend that we count facilities in London which they entirely and, absolutely due to senti- have a perfect right to express formerly enjoyed. It will be within the THE Undersigned have received in- ment, namely that We should fulfil independently our views to the Imperial memory of many of your that, some our trenty to Belgium. (Applicuse.) authorities at home on that very point years ago an attempt was made The entry of another great nation (hear hear and loud applause). There- through this Chamber to establish recently was precisely upon the for, I am prepared to say that if the bimetallism in this Colony: It was same basis-(hear, hear)-and pegiod of tan years does not meet with found, however, that unless China ceive that as a result of this war prepared to modify the resolution in not be done, and the scheme had to be sentiment in connection with it will have died down for very many years to come. Therefore we carnot afford from this meeting in perfect unanimity, Economic Conference of the Allies re-HOUSEROLD FURNITURE, &c., to ignore it. You will notice that if we can possibly see eye to eye to- garding the commercial and industrial in endegraphing to present this case gather in connection with this. , I leaves policy to be adopted throughout the Iwo Double Beass Bedsteads with ["I am frying to present it without the resolution in your hands. (Loud Empire after the War, wrote, "Hongpassion and deal with it calluly and applause.) HON, MR. C E. ANTON. logically as it seems to appeal to us, and as I trust it will appeal to The Hon. Mr C. E. ANTON: Mr the meeting. I propose now to deal Chairman and tientlemen, those of you very briefly, with the economic argu- who read my speech at the Legislative ment which it is said by the other. Council meeting probably have recognisside"that we do not sufficiently dwell ed that I more or less based my arguupon. Gentlemen, I really felt that ments on the ethical point of view, not was unnecessary to argue it at so much the commercial point of view, length, because the occurrences, in although I had my views on that. After all is said, gentlemen, we cannot be

connection with the liquidations, are such common property in this day guided in our policy by a mere matter that it seems timecessary to argue of pounds, shillings and pencel (Ap. at length, but since it sooms desir. plause.) I am aware that there are able that I should speak a little more fully figon it I will do so, of said in my speech that the return of Ger- against German opposition of any kind. hans to Hongkong would be inimited yet as I have been resident here only to the best interests of Hongkong, a very short time, I would like to hear and that was when I was dealing an expression of the views of those with the economic argument, I better acquainted with the trade, of

have no hesitation in saying that Hongkong. With these few words, almost sixty per cent, of the Ger- gentlemen, I think this is all I have to man thide in this Cojony was done say. for a morgefit and consider what that means. All of its who are said: I should like to accord my sup- atrocities committed by our enemics and deeply acquainted with the textile port to the remarks of the Chairman our sentiment for the sufferings imposed. trade here know that there have been swith regard to this resolution, and upon our fellow countrymen and Al ics many occasions in the past ten years to add that the proposals embodied in hto obscure our sound and well conside red

though large sales took place with the of the war has got into: cou- the aid and co-operation of our other fr.ns. Why! Because the whole sultation with the abest technical neighbours, would be hopeiess, and far basis of the taxtile trade and other brains of the country-(hear, hear)- from our best interests as a Colo tricles in connection with German and we are encouraged to think that Briefly, then, while no one would be husiness here, was largely upon a credit his. Government would welcome the more pleased than myself to see the basis. That credit had to be kept expression of opinion by business men Germans excluded from this Colony for revolving and therefore it was essential in Hongkong," men, gentlem m, who the period suggested, it can anly be to them, in order to carry on their by their positions show themselves successfully done, provided we have the trade, not only to go on selling, but worthy successors of their great hearty steadlast co operation of China what was more material to them, to go predecessors. - (Hear, hear and ap- and the neighboring countries, and, I so long as the credit kept revolv- transmitted home. - (Applaus 1). and which I am forced to dwell upon, discussion.

because I believe Eritish merchants in this Colony, were opposed in their own firms, sold at a loss by Germans and The Hon Sir PAUL CHATER read Chamber who wish to voice their engineering firm of Cammell, Laird and sold to keep credit revolving in order the following prepared speech! Mr. opinions on the resolution I shall Co., in the current issue of the New Age. that they might puy off new bills in Chairman and Gentlemen, while exercise my prerogative as mover of the "How can we reasonably expect to advance of new obligations in connection. I yield to none in my, destestation and resolution to reply briefly to Sir Paul's find contentment and lofty ideals among with their trades. They misupplied the horror of the Germans and the unspeak- remarks. I have purposely, avoided uneducated people condemned to live in funds which should have been used to able atrocities committed by that nation dealing with the subject of shipping for squalid surroundings?" he asks. "Surely "numbered sections. In future this num-

pay off bills. Thus this huge ball of since the commencement of the War, the very reason that obviously the something of the root of the matter must ber, as well as the letters, should be credit was kept revolving, and I say at the same time I cannot find myself action of this Colony and other ports of lie here, and we must expect to reap what, written at the end of the address. that that business and that system of in second with the suggestion "that the Empire must go inseparably with we have sown. credit was immoral from first to last, it is in the best interests of the Colony what the Allies decide to da, and we (hear, hear)-and I ask you whether of Hongkong that persons of German are not such fools as to fail to realise you are prepared to admit back into nationality should be excluded there- that if the ports of France and Italy your midst men who are prepared to from for a period of at least 10 years are open to German shipping, Hongreinstitute this class of business when following the declaration of peace, and kong must admit them to this port. after much pains and tremendous strug- that subsequently they be admitted (A voice: Of course). In reply to the gling the trade of this Colony has once into the Colony under strict licence," fear, which has been expressed, that if the remedy, cost what it may, we must more been put on a sound cash basis. save and except under conditions which such action were taken as his been sug- expect having sown the wind, to reap the As I said in the Council, the con- are, I am convinced, beyond the bounds gested, even for a limited period, it would whirlwind. dition of the Colony to-day is of practical politics, namely that the do us untold harm in trade with China "Similarly, how can workmen reasonhealthier and sounder than it has been same stand be adopted and maintained and Japan. I trust before very long ship expect good wages if they do not give for very many years past. To allow by all the Allies in the Far East-France, China too will have entered the fight good work in return? For wages are not them to come back to do their trade, Russia, Japan and, most particularly, against the fees of humanity—(Hear, paid out of some inexhaustible treasure when from the very nature of things China. Given these conditions, then I hear). If that be the case, then the house of the rich; they are the fruits of they must offer terms which no self- am with you. Except under these economic reasons do not apply, because industry, and depend entirely on producrespecting British firm would dream of conditions, to exclude the Germans she will come equally into line with tion. If every one had £1,000 a year, offering. I do not speak of the wider from our Colony would be merely to ourselves in deciding what shall be done and determined to do no work, but live credit system of trade to which, the drive them to neighbouring trade with German trade, and we shall be on his income, the world would swim in Attorney General made reference. Trade centres, where, once established, they bound inseparably with her (Hear, in the hinterland, where large Govern- would prove a regions menace to our hear), So I think we need not seriously ment contracts are concerned, and welfare and trade-(No. No.)-not to consider that a part of the argument where there may be opposition to mention the loss of benefits to be against the principle of merely present-British firms, will have to be consider- derived from the use of our Harbour ing our views to the Home Government;

ed, and developed, as will also credit by their shipping, and of shipping which we have a right to have considersuch as assistance by banks in order under their control. that the trade in that Einterland may A Voice: What rot! Other Voices: be more fair. In the past we left much Tommy rot! of that so characterised dangerous trade, Sir Paul Chater; All right. because we thought it was dangerous, A Voice: Who wrote it? to our German competitors. If think I deem it inexpedient that I should we realise now that a large trade here mention in detail places where was done, and possibly a paying they could (except and unless China trade was done, and it must be sides with us) so establish themselves in developed on similar lines, though we our immediate neighbourhood. They shall endeavour to- make it sounder. must be as well known to you all as to me, It was further hinted that if we did not but I shall be only too pleased to give The second voter was Captain W. L. allow the Germans to come to Hong, my views in fall to your Committee if Carter, Chinc and Japan Telephone Co. kong it would lead to the dayelopment and when they wish. It has been who sat at the back of the room. of Swatow, Amoy and other outports argued that with no coshing iscilities on with milway connections between there the way, German shipping will find a pourett.

development scheme, and even if they maing oil to reach Dutch Ports in the were I have no hesitation in saying East Indies and there replenish their that if the British merchants in this stock for the further voyage to China, Colony allow it, it serves them right. Russian ports in the North, and Japan. If they are not alive to the possibilities. That China has at the moment broken of competition now, knowing they can off diplomatic relations with Germany meet and over-come it then they will we all know, and I trust that the deserve the competition we may have day is not far distant when she to meet. If we do not work hand in will be numbered amongst , our hand with the Chinese Government Allies; but to imagine for a moment and see that all railway development that when peace, is established she that may take place we are in a position will continue to 'decline," to trade to grapple with, as well as the Germans, with her is to my mind absurd. I have then we shall deserve competition. In read that the Garman Concessions at conclusion and in putting this Tientsin, Hankow and elsewhere, now we resolution, I would say that the being taken care of by China, wil question of the time limit of "ten years eventually be handed back to her, and was has far as your committee is we know that Germans to-day are concerned, academic, and put-in for the tolerated and are trading in Shanghail sake of argument. It was fully realised I maintain then that to exclude them when this resolution was proposed that from this Colony only would be suicidal it would never be carried into definite policy-(No. No. 1) It may be suit action in this Colony. It was not said that we have got on very well and that it should be so, but it was merely prospered without them during the war desired that the expression, of the timnted; but shall we not do so to a Colonyahould go home for the Home greater degree on their return !- (No!) Government to give it consideration in Nor do I think we have much to fear connection with Imperial legislation, for our trade from their competition for and it was equally realised that whatever many years to come, particularly, in the Imperial authorities might decide, view of the statement which has been general acceptance, your Committee is would come into line, this could that respect, so that it meets with abandoned. As this Chamber itself," in general acceptance, because we are most lits letter to the Government, when conanxious that a voice should go forth siddlering the recommendations of the

> kong is essentially a great shipping port and trade emporium and as such cannot he dissociated from the neighbouring State of China which indeed provides most important field for Hongkong enterprise. Whatever Imperial policy is adopted for the future in the interest of blongkong provision must be made for its peculiar relationship with China, and no mensore should be taken which would be likely to be detrimental to the further expansion of the import and export trade with China; any Tariff Regulations, should provide for these

eircumstances."-- (Hear, hear). All this arguments, and strong arguments, on goes to support my contention that both sides of the question, and personwithout the support and co-operation of ally I think we can maintain ourselves China any such suggestioning that now before us must prove futile and react to our detringent. Gentlemen, the question under discussion is to my mind essentially isae of Imperial policy. We have been asked by the Home Government for an expression of our opinion-as a guide to our representative at the forthcoming Imperial Conference, "In giving forth an opinion we must be careful not to Mr. E. V. D. Parr (P. & O. Company) let our justly-incensed hatred of the

when Lancashire travellers in this the resolution may be considered judgment. Common sense tells us that Colony have reported large sales to common or cordinary precaution, go soon as she is able to do so, Germany German firms when British merchants Gentlemen, we desire those sentiments will open up trule throughout the had precisely the same enrgo to offer to be sent home to the Hime world and for us to attempt to har hir lying in the godowns, prepared to weept Government. The Prime Minister, from trade with "or throught this spot cash prices, but nnable to sell, i very wisely, since the heginning Colony, without, as I have already said,

on buying. " It therefore did not matter plause). I think we have a right to suggest, therefore, that there should whether they sold at a loss or a profit ask that, this resolution should be be embodied in a y recommendation of this nature forwarded to the Home ing and this, gentlemen, is the evil! The Chairman: Gentlemen, the Government such a proviso-(No! No! to, which I have drawn entrention meesing is open for any further and some applause.)

SIR PAUL CHATER SPEAKS

IN OPPOSITION.

and Canton, and the possible develop difficulty in reaching these distant whices Breech Speech ! ment of other ports, In the first place waters, but can we for a moment. The Chairman I think we may say more than forly years. Chamberlain's

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK; As

ed. With these few words I put the resolution, unless there is an amedment to it. This resolution has been proposed by myself and seconded by Hon. Mr C. E. Anton. Those in favour will kindly show it by raising their hands. There was a general reponse.

Paul Chater raised his hand saying "Although singly, I put up my hand." A Voice: There is snother, The Chairman ! There are two op-

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW 10.45 a.m. - Auction of Household

1 .a.m.-Auction of Boots and Shoes, Shirts, Socks, Hats etc., etc., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms. Meeting. 12.30 p m.-China Fire Insurance Co's.

Meeting. 12.45 p.m.—British Traders Insurance | 38 Co's. Meeting.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, April 27 :-Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement

Road, Kowloon. SATURDAY, April 28 :--

9.15 p.m .- "Scenes from Shakespeare"

in Theatre Royal. MONDAY, April 30 :--Il a.m. - Auction of Household

WMDBERDAY, May 2:-Meeting of the H.K. Overseas Club.

THURSDAY, May 3:-Moon. - Canton Insurance Office's Meeting. FRIDAY, May 4:-

2.30 p.m. - Auction of

CEATHS. Enwages. On the 19th instant Fedw Hir, Aberdare, S. Wales, ANAIE Enwarps, widow of the generation will not forgive the late Richard Edwards, and mother | British for this, and it would be sheer of Mrs. F. B. I. Bowley, deeply madness for the British Empire

HUNTER-At Liverpool, on 18th inst, A. C. HUNTER, late of Mesars. to be as freely exploited by him as Ballard and Hunter, Shanghai. PERKIRA .- At Shanghai, on 18th April. to us, completely answered his own EUZERIO FRANCISCO PEREIRA, aged

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

E. W. Diwson, family and relatives desire to sincerely thank their numerous friends for the many heartfelt expressions of forward that they will have to sympathy in their sul bereaven ent, and for the beautiful floral tribuges.

Hongkong, Wednesday, April 25, 1917

trade in this part of the world, at an early data after the conclusion HONGKONG AND THE of the war, it can confidently be concluded that they would do GERMANS. their utmost to keep away from The meeting of members of the. such an uncongenial place. Hougkong is likely to be for them Hongkong General Chamber for some considerable time to come-Commerce held last evening removed." But, as the Hon. Mr. Anton pithily any doubt that may have existed as expressed it, the question is not to the unanimity of the Chamber on one merely of pounds, shillings and (as arranged for ST. GEORGE'S DAY) the subject of the proposal made pence. The fundamental purpose of in the Legislative Councils by the the motion is to express the Colony's Chamber's Representative expressing whole-hearted and enduring detestathe opinion that it was in the tion of conduct in the prosecution best interests of the Colony that the of the war-by German rulers and Germans should be excluded from people alike-which is opposed to the Colony after the war for a every canon of civilisation and every period of ten years. One of the instinct of humanity; and in thus Colony. There will be team and largest gatherings of members, of the expressing that abhorrence the individual shooting. The meeting is Chamber which has taken place British commercial community, which to take place on the King's Park Lordship found for the defendants in recent years endorsed that motion is the backbone of the whole fabric of Runge: Captain G. G. Wood, with costs. with only two dissentients. The the Colony's prosperity, is prepared for H.K.V.C., will be the range officer. position, therefore, is that practically its part to bear the cost, if any, which the whole commercial community the punitive measures they advocate is directly at issue with the two may entail. We have no doubt that the policy advocated by the Chamber Chinese members of the Legislative of Commerce will go to the Home Council, and the whole of the official members, for H. E. The Governor in to-morrow night with the practically authorities after the public meeting his speech last Thursday said that unanimous endorsement of the entire (every official member of the Council British community of the Colony. was thoroughly convinced that the Furniture, Piano, etc. at No. 8 Torres resolution was not in the best Buildings, Kimberly Road, Kewloon. interests of the Colony, The Hor. NEWS OF THE DAY." Sir PAUL CHATER, with a courage LOCAL AND GENERAL which is to be admired, attended the Noon. - Union Insurance Society's meeting for the express purpose of

opposing the motion. As member of the Executive Council, moreover, as one who by his foresight April next was duly authorised. and enterprise has done more for 10.45 a.m. - Auction of Household acknowledged-Sir Paul was justly a gold watch, valued at \$51, was stolen illness which has proved fatal.

D. K. Kharas, D. H. Cooper, J. B. Patall. P. A. Jamestice. Furniture, Piano, Perambulators etc. entitled to be heard on such a subject from his cabin. as the one under discussion. But in his opposition he found only one 10.30 a.m. Auction of Dress Materials solitary supporter. The more we terday, a Public Meeting is advertised the event which would make China an and Miscellaneous Goods at Mesers. reflect on the question the more to be held at the City Hall, at 5.30 ally of ourselves is the freedom it gives ber found to argue against the exclu- invited to attend. Mr. H. P. White Recial and instinctive talent has made sion of the Germans for a fixed, will preside at the meeting. period of time after the end of the The Union Insurance Society of

more pleased than himself to see the Insurance Co. Ltd. will hold ordinary Germans excluded from this Colony yearly meetings to morrow at noon, for the period suggested—if it could 12.30, and 12.45 p.m. respectively.

be done without imperilling the fature Household prosperity of the Colony. The Hon Mr. SERVES THE WHOLE FAMILY. Furniture, etc., etc. at Messry. Lau Chu Pak and the Arronney The fame of Chamberlain's Cough kind will contribute materially to our Remedy is world wide. It is good major operations. That we should our Hughes and Hough's.

General expressed similar sentifor the deep sested cough of the soult our potato crop in part to Chinese Last year importations. We may take it therefore that there whole family. For sais by all Chemistry arrange consequence of war.

Last year 18,947

THE MAGISTRACY.

SPURIOUS COINS.

that the Germans will rush back to such In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a Chinese boy, 13 years of age, was an uncomfortable quarter for them as charged with uttering a counterfeit Hongkong immediately the war is coin, i.e., a spurious Hongkong silver over? We may be quite confident dollar, and also with knowingly having, about this; that if it is at all possible, in his possession, a second counterfeit for the Germans to give Hongkong Hongkong silver dollar.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr J. H. Gardiner, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Hongkong, that will be done whether It was alleged by the complainant, we definitely exclude Germans an Indian shopkeeper at No. 88 Praya from Bongkong or not Knowing East, that on the 18th sinstant the what we do know of the deep and defendant entered his shop and after bitter hatred which the Germans stating that he wished to purchase fifteen have conceived for the British, can cents' worth of sweets, produced an apanybody doubt that this will be the parently genuine Hongkong silver dollar. aim and purpose of the Germans in Upon ringing the coin, however, the of Messra Sincere and Company, 'Ld., to realise dreams of world-dominion, had him taken into custody.

and" he realises that these dreams . The defendant then explained that and efficiency of the British Navy. come to Hongkong with his eldest sister contract, it was an order. The patriotic German of the present on the 15th instant to look for his aunt. received them a New Year's present. delivery whatsoever of the pencils, to re-open its doors to the German He was unaware, however, that the they wrote to the defendant firm coins were counterfeit.

before. Sir PAUL CHATER it seems evidence, but Mr. Gardiner said that he higher price elsewhere. In reply to that objections to the motion when he was unable to produce her as a witness. letter the defendant firm wrote to say" said: "Nor do I think we have much to fear for our trade from German competition for many years detention in Victoria Gaol. to come, particularly in view of

> UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF RUBBER.

compete without the banking and discount facilities in London which Before Mr J. R. Wood this morning they formerly enjoyed." That being a marine hawker was charged with the the case, what is there to fear from unlawful possession of a quantity of German competition in neighbouring rubber sheeting reasonably suspected to trade gentres already established or have been stolen. yet to be created? We repeat that The defendant pleaded not guilty

stating that he bought the rubber for in the street. Inspector Gordon, however, explained | with his firm. that a large quantity of similar rubber was yesterday being loaded into the s.s. Monteagle at the Kowloon wharves

possession had undoubtably been stolen from there. His Worship imposed a fine of \$25 or in default of payment, sentenced the defendant 14 days hard labour.

and the rubber found in the defendant's

EMPIRE DAY RIFLE, SHOOTING CONTESTS.

The Hongkong Police Reserve are arminging for a Rifle Shooting Contest on Empire Day (May 24th) by the" Navel, Military and Police Forces (regular and auxiliary) of the

The Toyo Kisen Knisha vessel Buro Maru, which has been chartered by the Standard Oil Company, was purchased by that Company on 11th inst. for

The many friends in the Colony of Mr and Mrs A. B. Avasia ... Mrs. A. Edwards will regret to hear of F. P. Talati ... her death on the 19th instant, after a long illness at her residence, Fedw Hir, Mr and Mrs F. S. Madan ... Aberdare, S. Wales. Mrz. Edwards and At a meeting at a board of Directors her three daughters are well known in Cooper & Co... of the Cathay Trust, Ltd., Shanghai, held the Colony, the latter having married K. D. Kotwall ... last week, the payment of interest on the Mr. H. L. Dennys, Senior, Mr. F. B. L. B. F. Kavarana & Co... oldest preference issue at the rate of six per Bowley, and Captain C. J. Aston, R.E., F. P. Shroff residents of the Colony, and, cent from the 1st May, 1916 to 30th respectively. Her three sons William, J. H. Ruttonjee ... Tudor and Arthur, and Captain Aston, H. K. Erani ...
were all at the Western Front last year, Bejonjee & Co. Mr A. G. Weatherhead, Chief where the eldest son (who enlisted as a P. D. Gotla & Co.... the development of the Colony than Officer of the a.s. San Wui, has reported private and is now sergeant) was J. J. Vassania any other single individual—we to the Police that whilst on the voyage severely wounded. It is probable that E. R. Mogra & M. H. Kavarana

On the subject of China joining the Acting upon a suggestion made at Allies, a writer in a London paper p.m. to-morrow. All interested are her to send us all the labour we need. every Chinaman a cook and a gardener. Furniture etc. at No. 9, Humphrey's war. Sir Paul Charen declared Canton Ltd., The China Fire Insurance bear witness to his tireless industry and. His prowess has been seen already in competence. Some 3,000 "Celestials" are said to be in this country, all of whom might be profitably employed to the common benefit. And again, their engagement on the Western Front if

CLAIM FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Sir William Rees Davies K.C., Chief Justice, the Sincere Co., Ltd., claimed from Mesers W. G. Humphreys & Co. the sum of \$580 for breach of a contract dated September 24, 1915, for

the sale and delivery of two eases of lead peneils, to be delivered as soon as possible. No time limit was allowed. The plaintiff also claims costs of the

plaintiffs and Mr E. J. Grist for the Shoffing the Flow. Mr. Lau Chu Pak

claimed was the difference between the D. V. Steavenson. He Fook, Lo which I trust will be largely attended. the date of the breach-March 17.

Mr. Chan Kwon Sung, the Secretary and Mr. W. E. Roberts (Secretary). the future? There is not likely to be complainant discovered the dollar to be gave evidence as to the contract being With your permission I will take the light, and believing that the defendant made. He said that his firm had done Report and Accounts as read. The the German after this war. For had merely entered his shop for the business with the defendant firm for result of the year's working shows it . Chamber to record their vote. was the same as they usually made.

Mr. Grist :- I may say at once, my have been shattered by the strength his home was in Canton and be had Lord, that we contend that it was not a

with him from Canton, where he had his firm had not oreceived any asking for immediate delivery, and the His Worship asked that the defent suggestion in their letter was that the dant's eldest sisten be called to give goods had been received and sold at a The defendant was sentenced to ten that as the pencils were of German strokes of the birch and 24 hours' manufacture they could not, under force majeure, deliver at the original price. They had attempted to fulfil the order would have to be paid, that being the Hongkong market rate. The witness said the original contract was entered into a year after the war began and the defendants could not put the war forward as a reason for non-delivery. He said that he had reason to believe that the goods had been received by the fifteen cents from a man whom he met defendants and sold to somebody else, at a higher price than that contracted for

Grist, the plaintiff is entitled to damages.

ordered, but these were delivered to other firms who had entered into a contract with us long before the order from the plaintiff firm was accepted.

The witness further stated that his firm had reason to believe that pencils of the same chop as sold by the defendant had been sold on the market. His firm had recently purchased 50 gross through another source.

Evidence was then taken as to the nature of the form used for contract between the plaintiff firm and defendant firm before and after the war.

HONGKONG AEROPLANE FUND.

LIST NO. 2. Collected by Mr.H. K. Erani -N. H. N. Mody

Cawasji Pallonji & Co. A. Parsee Sympathizer ... Patell & Co. ... D. K. Setna ... "...

B. Patall, P. A. Jamettice. Annonymous, K. S. Pavri, M. J. Doctor, L. F. Shroff and S. Bossabhoy. & Co. (\$5 each) . C. Tamboli, K. D. Guzdar, F. H. Klchidana, C. J. Bhamgara.

and A. D. Vania (\$2 each) \$1,085.00 Previously acknowledged

HONGKONG TRANMAY CO., LTD.

Approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending alst April 18 weeks 212.186

204.039

The motion was carried. rendy and the meeting terminated.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LIMITED.

The ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Transway Company, issue to-day sets forth; in response Limited, was held at the offices of to a widely-expressed desire from Messrs, Jardine, Matheson & Co., many members of the Community Ltd., at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. " Chamber of Commerce meeting." C. E. Anton presided, and there were yesterday and to record a vote there present: "The Hon, Sir C. P. Chuter, on the question of the exclusion of Mr A. M. Preston appeared for the Kt., C.M.C., the Hon, Mr. E. and Sir Robert Ho Tung. Kt. call a public meeting in the Theatre Mr Preston said that the amount (Directors), Father Robert, Messrs, for to-morrow afternoon at, 5.30 and contract price and the market price at Cheong Ip, Ho Leung, A. V. Apear. J. H. Seth, J. M. Alves, J. R. King,

The Charaman, said :- Gentlemen,

hims it was a war of conquest, a war purpose of passing counterfeit money, many years and the contract in question profit of £37,201.11.3, which is very minch in excess of the amounts previously enrued by the Company and enables your Directors to recommend the payment of a final dividend of After explaining his interpretation of 23 per cent., making 80 per cent. He had brought the two silver dollars the word "arrive" the witness said that's for the year. The large increase in Truffic Receipts is due chiefly to the influx of Chinese during the summer nonths, consequent upon the trouble n Canton. It is very pleasing to observe the decrease in the loss on subsidiary coins, from which the Company has suffered so heavily in the spast, and it is hoped that the coinage of the Colony is now on a sounder basis, and that this heavy interests are intended. loss will be avoided in the future. elsewhere and if the goods were to be As pointed out in the Directors' delivered the price of \$3.50 per gross Report, the actual increase in the Working amounted to \$19,714, and this, you will agree, is most satisfactory considering the increase in the price of materials, and the exceptionally heavy traffic of the summer months before referred to. In this connect following statements occur: tion I would like to draw your attention to one heavy, charge on the Company, and that is the item of

His Lordship:-If that is so, Mr. Maintenance of Track and Roadway." The coolie trucks used in Mr. Grist We admit, My Lord, Hongkong cause excessive and irrethat we did receive some of the goods; gular wear to our track, and we have in fact we received 5 cases out of 40 endeavoured, without avail, to get the Authorities to compel these thicks to keep to the side of the road, in accordance with the Traffic Regulations of the Colony. If this were done a considerable saving said: would be effected in our maintenance charges. A Rule was made in November last under which new

trucks will not be licensed unless the wheel gauge differs from that of the tramway, but this of itself will not improve matters very much. The Royalty of 5 per cent, of the Working Profit payable to the Hongkong Government has been included in the accounts, and you will see that this amounts to the sum of £2,871,18.10. The surplus cash of the Company has all been invested in sound securities, and these investments have been written down to the market value at 81st December. During the year Debentures to the amount of £24,400 were purchased and cancelled. amount of £2,441.18.8 which it is recommended should be written off .351.00 the book value of the undertaking 100.00 is the final instalment of the sum 75.00 required to write down the value in accordance with the valuation made

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and the Hon, Sir C. P. CHATER, C.M.G., seconded, that the Report 21.00 Accounts be adopted. The motion 20.00 was carried.

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, C.M.G., to exclude German trade from Hongkong Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, C.M.G., to exclude German crace from Hongkong seconded, that a final dividend for unless the whole world (other than Germany) excludes such trade, it is quite possible to exclude Germans from our 10.00 the year ending December 81st, 1918. (making a total of 80 per cent, for the year) recommended by 10:00 Directors, be, and is hereby sanc-10.00 tioned, and the same be paid to the 10.00 shareholders on the Colonial (Hong-10.00 kong) Register, at the rate of 2s. 44d. 14.00 per Hongkong Dollar. The motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed, and the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER seconded, that the sum of £2,441.18.8 be written off the value of the Trumway undertaking.

The motion was carried. Mr. D. V. STEAVENSON proposed. and Mr. J. H. SETH seconded, that the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton be reelected to the Board of Directors.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Ho Fook proposed, and Mr. Ho Leung seconded, that Dr. Noble and Sir Robert Ho Tung be reelected to the Board of Directors. The motion was also carried.

Mr. W. E. CLARKE proposed, and Mr., Aprin seconded, that Mesers Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be Aggregate re-elected Auditors at the remuneration of \$1,000 until the next ordinary general meetnig.

> The CHARMAN Shen announced that the dividend warrants were

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL)

... DEAR Sir, -As the notice in your Germans from this Colony for a period of years after the Declaration of Peace, I have ventured to

I would point out that this nreeting is in no way connected with the "Chamber of Commerce," which alred already expressed its opinion in . no uncertain manner, but is intended to give an opportunity to the great body of business men in this Colony. not directly associated with the

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully. P. H. HOLYOAK. Hongkong, 25th April, 1917.

THE EXCLUSION OF GERMANS.

Sir. At yesterday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce I did not vote on the first resolution partly because I am not a merchant and partly because although I dissent from the first part of the motion I agree with the second part. The matter has been approached from

two points of view, the sentimental and the practical. Personally I think that the terms of the motion exclude sentiment, unless the phrase "the best interests of the Colony" refers to moral interests, and, as the motion is put forward by a body of nierchants, it is to be assumed that material

But as sentiment is to be brought into the argument I should like to point out that the only sentiment invoked is that of Hatred, and if the world is to be. governed by that sentiment after the War it will not be a pleasant place to

A reference to the pronouncements of the Allies, including those of President Vilson, show that we are not fighting to oring hatred into the world but for the Peace of the World

In the Allies', Reply to President Wilson, dated Paris, 10th January, 1917, the Their (the Allies) War sims are well known . . . The civilized world kflows that they imply the reorganisation of Europe, guaranteed by a stable regime, and based at once

on respect for nationalities and on the right to full security and liberty of economical development possessed by all peoples great and small. "The extermination and the political disappearance of the German peoples have never (as has been pretended) formed part of their (the Allies')

designs. They desire above all to ensure peace on the principles of liberty and justice." President Wilson on April 3rd, 1917, "We are not quarrelling with the

German people, but feel a sympathy and friendship towards them." "We have no selish end to serve freely as champions of the rights of

munkind."

"America is in armed opposition to an irresponsible Government which is running amok." Again on April 18th the President

"There is not a single selfish element in the cause we are fighting for. We are fighting for the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world."

So much for sentiment : as to the practical point of view it seems to me that it is necessary in the first, place to exclude the German armies from France, Belgium, Russin, Serbiz and Rumania, before we talk of excluding them from Hongkongs No doubt we shall do this Secondly I agree with Sir Paul Chater that the Colony as a whole is bound to suffer if it excludes German trade, unless

China and the Americans and other Allied Nations in China do the same. Hongkong is essentially a trading centre, it produces nothing texcept ships): it lives on the exchange of commodities. No doubt British and Allied merchants can buy or sell everything that the Chinese desire to sell or buy, and but if the latter find that they can get better terms from the Germans in the Treaty Ports or elsewhere, how many of them will come to Hongkong!

Although, therefore, it is impracticable

Boards of Directors, our Clubs and our houses. It is possible to refuse them Banking and other facilities, and, now that the tricks of their trade are all known, to prevent unfair competition. Let me suggest in conclusion that our Chamber of Commerce should adopt the following resolutions passed in June last year at a Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire:—

(1) That the Association welcomes the statement made by the President. of the Board of Trade in the House of Commons on January 10 that no privileges should be given to foreign shipping which are not enjoyed by our own, and that the handicap under, which British shipping labours in this respect should be removed.

(2) That legislation should be enacted under which the Government would have the power to insist that British companies should be British controlled, both as regards management and ownership, and also in the event of enemy companies or firms being permitted to open or commence trading in any part of the United Kingdom or the Dominions or dependencies they shall be subject to such control and inspection as shall make it impossible for them to be used of commercial establishments. (2) That legislation should be promoted to present enemy subjects for

period after War from taking or country without a special licence. Yours faithfully

F. R. L. BOWLEY. Hongkong, 16th April 1917.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

MESOPOTAMIA.

SEVERE HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING:

BRITISH OCCUPYSAMERRA STATION.

PARIS, April 24. General Mande reports that the battle on the right bank of the Blouses, enabling the use of interned Tigris. between Sarnarra and Austrian and German ships." The Istabulat, continued during the night rights involved will be defermined, of April 22%

There was sergere thend-re-hand fighting "and minuments, enemy connterattacks. "

stubbornly-defended position , which value of the United States exports was "claboratedy prepared with orons for March was 03551,278,000 which reached diagonts. We pursued the was only exceeded in January, when enemy and occupied Samara station the total was unprecedented. on April 23. The enemy hastily destroyed everything possible.

'Our captures include 16 lecomosives, 224 milway trucks and two munition burges.

The 'enemy's casualties on April 21 and 22 were heavy.

THE FIGHTING IN PALESTINE.

Josnoy, April 24 An official report from Egypt

Beinforced Turkish forces hold strongly entrenched position from Haza to Beersheba. 6...

The organisation of the positions we gained, fromting the Turkish mainline, is proceeding satisfactorily We blew up an ammunition dump at Gaza.

MR. BONAR LAW'S SON WOUNDED AND MISSING.

er rationpone April 24 Lieutenant Law, of the Borderers second son of Mr. Bonar Law, was wounded in Palestine, and is missing.

FRENCH PATROL BOAT SHELLS BEYROUT.

Paris, April 24. A French patrol boat, on the morning of April 22, entered that by the British, was captured in the was entirely stopped. defended port of Beyrout; and left | without being damaged, after firing 24 shots and drawing the enemy'

GERMAN REASON FOR FELLING FRUIT TREES.

AMSTERDAM, April 24. It is officially announced from Berlin that the reason, for felling fruit trees in the evacuated territory, is to prevent the use of the leaves. in the summer time, as enemy cover

HOLLAND'S DEFENCES.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF WAR.

THE HAGUE, April 24. questions, the Minister of War gave assurances that the Dutch unti-Zeppelin guns were efficient. Measures were being considered for w stricter supervision of foreigners, and the Government considered that the completion of the coast defences was

GERMAN BLOW TO RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

FOR WHICH THE GERMAN RULER'S MUST, PAY.

"LONDON, April 23. A telegram from Petrograd states that the news of the submarining of the steamer Zara with returning Russian eriles on board, was a thunderbolt to the Russian Socialist extremists, who declare that the German rulers must pay for this blow to the Revolution.

MR. BALFOUR AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 23. Mr. Balfour has called on the State Department and at White House, and was everywhere cheered. He lunched at the French Embassy, and dined with President Wilson at White House.

Mr. Lansing, in response to enquires, said the day's conferences had been prost cordial. The British Commission had come asking for nothing. Its sole purpose was the enlightening of the United States on the mistakes of the Entente at the outset of the war. The serial fights on the 22nd instant, French Commission's visit would be one bringing down six enemy acroplanes, of courtesy. Mr Lansing said that he did not expect enything in the nature of war conferences.

MR. BALFOUR AND M. VIVIANI TO ADDRESS CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 24. At the invitation of the Vice-President, Mr. Ballour and M. Viviani will address a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The date has not vet been fixed.

AMERICA AND THE HINTERNED GERMAN SHIPS.

... Washingroy, April 24. Bills have been introduced in both after the war

UNITED STATES EXPORT TRADE.

Washington, April 23, We drove our the energy from a Despite the submarine camprign, the

AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER AND CONSCRIPTION.

Bennico, April 24. 'Mr. Hughes, in a speech, said " If mational disaster threatened Australia and the Empire, I should certainly again propose conscrip-

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE. THE ENEMY'S DESPERATION.

LONDON, Aphil 23. Arras is described by correspondents as two-and-a-half years." the most difficult of the war. In this struggle to the death, the Germans, no longer uncertain of the point of attack, brought up many more guns and field howitzer batteries, which were thickly grouped between Lens and the Cambrai-Arras road. Wherever the German in: fantry withstood our assaults it was wholly due to their supporting artillery and machine-guns. Wherever the British got within striking distance of the enemy positions, the occupants ran to meet them, holding up their hands, or bolted. The Pomeranian regiment

immediately the British infantry ap-

The stoutest resistance was made by the Third Bavarian divison around Guemappe, where the fortified houses dugouts had been bombed. English, Welsh and Scottish troops were Apart from innumerable machine-guns, the ground was alive with snipers and many of the British were shot from behind after entering the German lines.

IMPORTANT POSITIONS GAINED.

'LONDON, April' 23. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports. There has been heavy con tinuous fighting throughout the day on both banks of the river Scarpe, and

important positions gained. A marked feature of the operations has been the frequency and violence, of counter-attacks, in which there were very heavy enemy losses

We captured Gavrelle village and In the First Chamber, replying to. two and a half miles of defences to the southward of the village as far as Rocux

> We fought our way forward on the right bank of the Scarpe on a wide front southward and eastward of Monchy-le-Preux, and captured Guemappe. We captured considerably, over one

thousand prisoners. We also progressed south westward o

There was great aerial activity on CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD. Sunday. Our aircraft were entirely successful. Six German aeroplanes were brought down, fifteen were driven down, and two of ours attacked eight machines, bringing down two, driving downs third, and our anti-aircraft guns shot down a fourth. We destroyed seven kiteballoons, Four of our machines are missing.

ATTACKS IN BELGIUM ENEMY REPULSED.

CONSIDERABLE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Paris, April 23. A communique states :- In Belgium we completely repulsed several enemy attacks at various points.

Small enemy parties succeeded in penetrating the advanced elements, but were driven out again immediately. after hand-to-hand fighting, leaving

cur batteries carried out an effective ing \$180,000. The balance of \$2,544,983.76 and destructive fire against German will be carried forward. Botween the Aisne and Chemin-des-

dames we made progress north of Artillery duels were particularly land, H. P. White, C. S. Gubbay and Sir severe in the sector of Hurtebise Farm. Robert Ho Tning retire, but being eligible, Our pilots were engaged in numerous offer themselves for re-election.

Fourteen of our aeroplanes on the night of 22-23 dropped 1,740 kilogrammes of projectiles on stations and bivouses in the valley of the Aisne.

AN ANZAC ANNIVERSARY.

STERRING MESSAGE TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, April 23. Mr. Arthur Henderson, a member of the War Cabinet, has sent the following message to Australia:-

"The second diniversary of the memorable landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli recalls to our minds an achievement unsurpassed in this great war, which deserves to live throughout the history of the Empire.

thought to be impregnable.

has recourse to greater infamies; the debate His Excellency said shameful devastation of the territory reconquered in France, the deportation of women and non-combatants. and, above all, the shameful shughter of wounded heroes by attacks delivered upon hospital ships are signs that the enemy is lost to all sense of humanity and the meaning of

civilisation. To uphold the glorious tradition of the Anzae landing, avenge the wrongs done by the enemy to the innocent, and to re establish the rights of the smaller nations to freedom and justice are the noble sims which will, I fee confident, inspire all Australians, together with their comrades in other parts of the Empire, to further efforts in order to bring the conflict to a victorious conclusion."

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CHINESE SUPPRESSION OF CPIUM.

A LONDON MEETING.

LONDON, April 24. At a meeting held in Caxton Hall to wind up the Society for the Suppression | the history of the world-(Applause). of the Opium Trade, Bishop Brent paid a Andyet, Gentlemen, what other inference tribute to the power of China; as shown in | can one draw? I ask any of you, the opium trade even during the great the words, to get up and let us have it. revolution. Only those who knew the I would remind you that the report of or porter. The comeration regiments of Chinese at close quarters could the proceedings in the Legislative to arrange a public meeting for you. south of Camerar was demoralized by appreciate their wonderful potentiality Council is likely to be widely read, not Personally, I have been inundated with in batches, 500 holding up their hands as a nation.

THE SILVER MARKET.

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LONDON, April 20. Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co.'s report, dated 19th inst., states: The apathy of the market, due to scanty supplies and a small and fitful demand, sharply changed yesterday when some China purchases set in and the market was not broad enough to fill the demand. It is understood that the United States Government made further purchases hat week and the paucity offering from there encourages the idea "that the coinage requirements of the United States is likely to be an important factor! Thus, much expansion o American supplies is hardly to be expected even at advancing prices. Continued pressure to buy upon starved market may carry the quotation to a figure more tempting to speculativ holders, the number and the holding of whom are now modest, or to a level which substantial China sales will become profitable.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-sixth ordinary meeting states :-

Committee have pleasure in submitting following paragraph in Mr. Holycak's a statement of the affairs of the Office made up to 31st December, 1916, in Ster- speech :ling and Hongkong currency.

1915 Account.—After paying an interim dividend of \$18 per share on 4th May, 1916, the amount standing to the credit of this account is \$633,993.89:...
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1916 Account.—The amount standing at credit of this Account is \$2,724,983.76, out of which the General Agents and Consulting Committee have declared an Between the Somme and the Oise interim dividend of \$18 pershare absorb-Consulting Committee.—Since the last

meeting Mr D. W. Craddock resigned his sent on leaving the Colony. The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M. Hop. Mr E. Shellim, and Messrs F. Mait-

Auditors.-The Accounts have been andited by Mesers H. Percy Smith, F.O.A. at LA R. Lowe, F.C.A., who being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. JANDINE, MATRIESON & Co., LD. General Agents.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

THE GOVERNOR'S REMARKS RESENTED.

After the meeting had pudorsed th motion which the Chairman had proposed at the last meeting of Legislative Council,

Mr.S. H. DODWELL said; There one further resolution. I wish to move "A tradition so magnificently this evening. It has reference to cerfounded will, I doubt not, be carried tain remarks made by His Excellency on in a manner worthy of those who the Governor in the recent debate in freely offered their lives when they the Legislative Council on the 19th stormed a position which the enemy instant, remarks which were taken'ex-"As the conflict progresses we see and with which I feel sure you are all that enemy, as his strength weakens, familiar. At the conclusion of the

> "I have only one remark to make and that is that I don't think any unprejudiced person would consider that the words I used in reference to the deceased Sir Thomas Jackson and deceased William Keswick Mr Holyoak : And oothers] can by any stretch of imagination be construed into an lesult, to the Hongkong has been proposed by Mr Dodwell and General Chamber of Commerce or its committee. I will now put the

motion. I personally was not present in the unanimously, and applause. Council Chamber, but I have carefully read the various reports of the debate in our local Fress, and with all due any other conclusion than that some cluding words-those I have just read | plause.) to you-I personally do not believe that any studied insult or even discourtcsy was intended. I take that view the more readily as it seems to me incredible that the Governor, no matter how strongly he was opposed to our views, would wish to make such of the community chosen by you for home? your committee-men who, whatever their qualifications, have been entrusted by their fellows with the management of business concerns controlling millions

of dollars, and who, further, I submit, have taken a very responsible part in guiding those concerns safely and successfully through the greatest crisis in ridding herself of the terrible incubus of you can put any other construction on

The Chinese Minister said the have to take into consideration the this meeting should be a public meeting, Chinese Government would not rest construction that will be put upon the but I had to tell them that this was a, eared.

A battery of field guns, overwhelmed until even clandestine opium-smoking report by that public which we have private meeting of the Chamber of also to consider. ... I therefore feel very | Commerce and that other people could strongly that if we do not take except not vote if they came. I was, therefore, tion to the words used by His Excellency urged that the public should be given we should lose not only our self-respect, an opportunity of expressing its opinion, but our right to be taken seriously hereafter by any commercial body, and more particularly by the Hongkong Government itself. (Applause.) Gentlemen, with those few remarks I beg to

> propose: That the members of this Chamber desire to take exception to the words used by H. E. the Governor at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on Thursday, the 19th of April last, in speaking to a resolution which ought to convey to the Imperial Authorities the carefully reasoned and unanimous opinion of the Committee of this Chamber.

"(Applause)" Sir Paul Chater, 'at this 'stage, left

the meeting. Mr. C. MONTAGUE EDE, in seconding the resolution said: Gentlemen, the mover of this resolution has tol that in coming to the lusions at which he has arrived. eport "or reports of" the proceedings Chengtu. of the Council on the 19th of this month. He was not present in the room and therefore cannot tell you first hand what actually occurred. I, Gentlemen, was there. I was in the room, during the debate; I was in a position peculiarly favourable, as I faced H. E. the Governor, and not only heard every word he said but noted particular- mediately to Peking. ly the inflections of his voice, and I can assure you that the impression conveyed to my mind was that the slight on this The General Agents and Consulting specially call your attention to the Government to recall it.

the views I have endeavoured, however incompetently, to set forth are unitedly shared and endorsed by the specially convened to consider the whole matter, unanimously adopted the identical motion on which I am addressing you. The composition of this Committee is so well known to your Excellency and this Council that | regular troops in Szechuan. I am certain its carefully considered opinion will not fail to carry the weight it deserves with the Secretary

of State for the Colonies." In this His Excellency the Governor was clearly informed of the unanimity existing, and there is therefore less excuse for what transpired afterwards. (Applause). 1 understand that His Excellency the Governor has stated that a wrong construction has been put upon what he said, but I regret very much that having been present and having weighed the point most carefully, I, for one, cannot accept this explanation. Fortunately this matter can be judged by you all on its own merits, and I there tore leave it to you to show by voting unanimously for the Resolution that you take exception to the way in which | Yanglezepoos

this Chamber, through its representative, was slighted and its considered opinion set at naught. With three remarks I second the resolution. (Loud Applause).

The CHAIRMAN (Hon. Mr. Holyoak): I am glad that the burden of proposing or seconding this resolution has not fallen on my shoulders, the more so because "I was present and deeply interested in what took place. I voiced the resentment, which I can perfectly and clearly see is felt deeply by all of you, in the Council directly after it had occurred, and I therefore propose to leave it to the vote. It is due to E. the Governor, I should tell you that he sent for me on Saturday and in the course of the interview again explained to me that he could not see how I or any one else could possibly place apon his words the interpretation which we have done, and it is also due to him to say that he never intended such an interpretation at all. But be that as it may, gentlemen, when an atterance is made by a public man, be he Governor or politician, he must accept responsibility for the spoken word—(Applause)—and in the absence of a public withdrawal, as public as his statement has been made, we have no other course to adopt. With these few

seconded by Mr Ede. No hand being raised against, the resolution was declared to be carried

words I will put the resolution which

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, May I express before you leave the appreciation of the Committee of the Chamber respect I say I cannot agree with His in what amounts to a vote of confidence Excellency (Applause). To my mind, to us! (Applause). Believe me, the no unprejudiced person could come to work of the Committee of the Chamber and your representative is by no means of His Excellency's remarks, to say the light, and certainly could not be carried least, were lacking in that courtesy which on for one single moment without the think this Chamber is entitled to Committee and the Representative feelreceive from the Government. (Loud ap- ing that they had the unanimous opinion plause). In face of His Excellency's con- of the Chamber behind them-(Ap-

Mr. BELL: May I ask where you propose to forward these resolutions? The CHAIRMAN: These resolutions l take it, will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Bell: May I suggest, Sir, that they should be sent to the Committee disparaging remarks about the members of the United Chambers of Commerce at

The CHAIRMAN: That will be done,

Mr. A. FORBES proposed that a public meeting should be held, because he thought the matter ought to be publicly discussed. He proposed that the meeting be held as early as possible.

Mr. LOUGHLIN seconded, saying it was most important that the opinion of this Colony as a whole should be sent home, and not merely the voice of the

Chamber of Commerce. The CHAIRMAN: I think I can say that at an early date we will endeavour and it may be possible to arrange for a meeting to take place on Thursday next at 5.30 at the Theatre. That remains

The meeting then closed.

FIGHTING IN SZECHUAN.

BETWEEN REGULAR AND DISBANDED TROOPS.

PART OF CHENGTU IN RUINS.

During the past week there has been fighting apparently on a considerable "scale between disbanded Yunnan soldiers and troops of 'the regular army in Szechuan. It commenced on the 18th inst., but on the 19th a truce was arranged by the has been influenced only by the printed foreign Consuls and local gentry at

The Tukwan's yamen was surrended by the disbanded troops Urgent, telegrams were senta Peking, and both the Commander of the disbanded troops and Tukwan were ordered to come im-

The Tukwan of Yunnan who had sent anforce to assist the fighting Chamber was intentional. I would Yunnan troops was ordered by the with the amount of the reduction, pressed

But the truce apparently did not "Finally, I would remind you that last long for severe street fighting is reported to have taken place in the city of Chengtu on the night of the sugar; \$1,000 scres were given up to hops, darabed should take a par however Commerce, which, at a recent meeting reported to have been defeated, tons et potatoes and 300,000 quarters of Government has been devoted entirely to Committee of the Chamber of 21st, when the Yunnon troops were "and they left the city which is

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There was an animated discussion the House of Commons on problems connected with the liquor traffic and the war. Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, told the House that he would soon be bringing in a Bill to give effect to the Food Controller's recent announcement that the output of beer after April 1st was to be reduced to 70 per cent. of the output of 1916, which would be 60 per cent. of the output of 1915. He added that the Government would take powers in the Bill to vary the amount, according as may be thought necessary, in view of the conditions of the food supply. He did not shut State control of the liquor trade out of his purview, or even State pur- gratefully accepted the munificent gift chase. But for the present the Govern- of £100,000 sterling by the Nizam of ment are satisfied with the reduction Haidarabad to the Admiralty towards specified by the Food Controller. Mr. Leif Jones and his friends, dissatisfied for total prohibition. ... He argued that as follows even on the reduced scale of 1916 the amounts of foodstuffs diverted to brewing were 943,000 tons of barley, 55,000 tons of rice and maize, and 118,000 tons of which would be sufficient to grow 150,000

would not hesitate a moment, but at pre, portunce of the Navy, especially at the sent the necessity had not arisen, and he menace has again become acute. did not believe that public opinion was It is my carnest desire to be associated, ripe for prohibition. As regards spirits, practically no potable spirits are now being manufactured. All the patent stills are husy making spirits for explosives; propose to place at the disposal of the only" a few pot stills are still making Admiralty the sum of £100,000 to be potable spirits, and these, he said, did devoted to those secret methods of not amount to very much. Then why not, it was asked, draw upon the the past, and which I hope will be still 140,000,000 gallons of spirits now in stock, more successful in the future. I shall and so save the waste of any new food- therefore be much obliged if your Exstuffs? Because it would not pay, was the naval savisers of his Imperial the answer; though here again, if need Majesty, and if they are pleased to arises, the Government will freely draw accept this contribution I will arrange on these bonded spirits to obtain alcohol for payment to be made in London for explosives. Mr. Bunciman seemed forthwith I need hardly add that I shall still inclined to differentiate between the continue my contribution of 220,000 per prohibition of manufacture and the pro- mensent, which I have made since Sephibition of sale, and he thought that the tempor, 1914, for the prosecution of the stocks of beer now in the country would war by land.

last quite a long time without being added to, if consumption were reduced to moderate limits. Mr. Sherwell described the Prohibitionist movement as a middleclass movement, which, he added, does not make it less patriotic, but does render! it less representative, especially of working-class opinion. Mr. Wardle, for the Labour party, said Prohibition would be met with determined opposition.

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in however small a degree, with the anti-submarine campaign. Situated as I am, I am unable to offer either ships or men for service on the sen. I therefore coping with the submarines, which, I understand, have been so successful in

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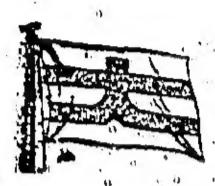
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SPRING TASKS IN TRENTINO.

FEVERISH AUSTRIAN ACTIVITY.

BY "THE TIMES" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WITE THE TTALIAN ARMY.]. Traction Handquarters, March 9:

The cold, snow, sleet, ice, and winds of an unusually rigorous winter have angmented the difficulties of warfare in the Frentino, but they have not succeeded in deadening the activity of the opposing armies holding its heights. It would almost seem as if the violence of Nature's opposition had hardened the wills and steadied the energies of those who are equally determined to conquer and to

I have just returned from a visit to the scenes of the Austrianoinvasion retreat of May and June 1916: visit extended from Val Lagarina to Vall Sugana, and its impressions there fore do not include the jey fastnesses of the Adamello and Tonale sectors, which form a world apart, as distinctives and nteresting as Iceland or Alaska. even on this 50-mile stretch of front, less august and terrifying than the Alpine and Cadore battle lines, but of the greatest military importance, including as it does the two most important arteries for a possible Austrian effort, Val Lagarina and Val d'Astico and the tablelands of Asiago and the Sette Comuni-even in this normal mountain country the perils and incessant hostility of winter have taken their tollabf.life

One unit which I visited had lost 400 fighting men in" one week from been equally heavy.

On a mountain 5,500ft, above the sea the other day at sundown I watched their evening meal from a day's roadmaking and road-tending. What a they had but recently arrived from a to buy new clothes the new skirts will world of honeysuckle and orange-flower, prove economical, as they will take much and many of them had never before seen Their energy, their industry, and their patience before this war had women who do not want to buy new generally been devoted to the improve- clothes, it will be easy to have ald skirts ment of highways and railways in other re-modelled.

The engineers and infantry have been working like bees since the suspension of hostilities in September. Nothing that the enemy may have thought out in the Trentino has passed unobserved. Our Allies are prepared for any spring operations, although May seems likely to be the first feasible month for large-scale movements.

What the Austrians have accomplished in the Trentino since their retreat of June 29; 1916, furnishes food or reflection, and is open to more than one interpretation. Since last summer they have made, or made serviceable for nilitary transport, some 2,000 miles of military roads between the Adige Valley and Cadore, and have constructed. handreds of miles of the tremendously imitated by the Austrians on a truly been expended in their construction, and there are several now in operation having a length of 25 to 40 miles. Besides road-building, the Austrians have been very busy this winter constructing barracks and munition depots. and have laid in huge stores of supplies of all sorts.

Whatever may be the purport of these preparations, whether offensive or defensive, there are certain facts which merit serious attention. First, Austrians have pinned down on their Trentino front between two and three times as many men as they had there this time last year; and secondly, with their vastly improved communications they could at very short notice transport men and guns more quickly and in zendorf, General Ludendorff, von Mackensen, Marshal von Bindenbury, and the Emperor Charles to this to carry out an offensive on a large scale in the Trentino than they were last year. The Italians have not been idle. blood of their defenders, saw the Austrians come up on one side but never go was the spirit of the men constructing them, and who are there to defend them. Everything is being done con amore, and the soldiers were convinced that the barriers. "We only hope they will try was the word I heard everywhere passed

BAYING DARNING-WOOL IN GERMANY.

chemist of the University of Konigs- woollen jersey. Tussore in natural colour t berg, writes to the Frankfurter Zei- is nearly always embroidered in some tring" on how darning wood may be other shade: in blues, in orange and red, saved, as follows: "At the present in browns and yellow, and in black and to utilise every remnant and all refuse. but equally necessary to do all in one's liberty with floating net draperies, or power to make existing materials last as soft chiffon folds, and some jet and long as possible. For me, as for us all, embroidery, make up into an extremely it is most disagreeable to note that our popular dress, and the floating side panels woollen socks so speedily develop holes, all the more disagreeable because to mend those holes a large amount of materials. Never has the alim woman darning wool is necessary

therefore, every day or two to put a quarter-spoonful of powered talc into my boots after I had drawn them on. For Id. you can procure enough tale to to suit the women they elethe. immediately receives a polished surface, and the worlden socked impregnated with the powder, and therefore less liable to the writer and the argency of the subfeet units in securing for the letter prominent position in the paper.

LADIES' COLUMN.

NEW PARIS STYLES.

THY I CORRESPONDENT IN THE "TIMES."

There was much confusion in the dress-making world when the news came that America and broken off diplomatio relations' with Germany, for all the big-Paris houses were on the point of showing their spring and summer models to American buyers, who had come over inforce for the occasion. The models were shown, are still being shown, but the buyers are choosing and purchasing on conditional terms only until they know if they may be allowed to whip them! home or not. To add to the general uncasiness, the confurish was at its wors

during those days, and both men and women buyers were fur coats and wrapped ind their knees in steamer rugs during the chilly process of buying flimsy summer | who were hit had to be abandoned by dresses. For the dressmakers, like every their companions, who arrived in Holland. entral heating, and their magnificent rooms in the Place Vendome, the Champs Elysees, and the Rue de In Paix were not as warm as in America. Some of them: had woods fires, but wood, like coal, can only be bought in small quantities at high prices; and it burns quickly,

Unfortunately, the girls who showed the

clothes could not wrap up, and they had to show the lightest of garments in winter, atmosphere. But, they did i cheerfully, and made light of their disavalanches, and we know from many comfort. Everywhere the new frocks are sources that the enemy's losses have pretty. Narrow skirts are the only ones to be seen, and the silhouette of the spring Mr E. S. Adler of 1917 will be very like that of the some hundreds of civilians from Sicily spring of 1914, without the exaggeration the south of the Peninsula in of that season. The skirts are parrow. Mr W. L. L. Barker Mr and Mrs C. obligatory military service returning to but not inconveniently so, and the muchtalked of " peg-top" is merely hinted at. Lt. and Mrs J. R. Mr and Mrs J. merry, patient lot they were, and yet rarely emphasized. For women who want less material to make them; and for the

Many tailor-mades show skirts with alternate panels of pleats and plain Mr S. T. Bitting material, fulling straight from a slightly Mrs E. J. Blackburn Mr and Mrs T. A. raised waist line trimmed with an embroidered or folded belt. Others show | Capt. & Mrs Branch Mrs F. McGarity plain skirts with side draperies or floating | Mr and Mrs Brett , Mr F. W. McNulty panels and just a slight pulling in near Mr J. A. H. Brown Mr G. Mellis the ankles, to which they reach. Pockets Mr and Mrs L. W. Miss L. Millard trim some of them still, but are less of a feature than they were. Buttons are Mr J. H. Bulmer rarely used, and all embroideries are used Mr D. E. Cappleman Mr and Mrs M. F. with discretion. In these, beads play Mr Yap Tai Chong quite a hig part, so does tinsel mixed with Mr W. E. Clarke silks, and French toste is shown in all. Birs G. Connor. Woollen embroideries are good style too, Mr J. D. Courtney Mr E. Nielsen, and belts of plain woollen knitting look Mr F. W. Cox Mr C. Cunrade important "wireways" which before the well. The coats of the season vary a great Mr W. B. Davenport Mr H. Pfaff war were almost unknown in Austria. deal. They run from the loose-fitting, Mrs F. E. Davis Mr and Mrs T. The effective use made of them by the belted coat of half length to the short Mr and Mrs R. H. Phelan sack, almost bolero, and also show imitated by the Austrians on a truly saux, amuse bolero, and also Mr J. J. Dewar imperial scale. Enormous sums have severely plain, well-cut models rather Mr L. Dierbelbis on the lines of the old-fashioned concep- Mr and Mrs J. M.Mr E. H. Ray tion of what tailer-made should be. Added to these is the long cost, more or Mr D. E. Donnelly The choice, therefore, is wide and the licence of fashion elastic, so that every one can be economical; for with a wide Mr and Mrs A.W. Miss R. D. Robinson skirt made narrow and a last season's coat, a woman can go on quite comforts

" SOME HAPPY DESIGNS." The three-piece dress, and the cost and blouge, are both shown among the new Miss M. Fowler models, and it is difficult to say which are Mr E. D. Franklin happiest in design and colour. The dress Mrs R. George greater numbers than last year. The shows a bodice with no waist line in Mr A. G. Gordon recent visits of Baron Conrad von Hot-particular, a little suggestive of the Mr V. Goulbourn renders. General Ludgedone Marshal moyen-age cut, with a sash or a belt to Mrand Mrs Lee give it grace; the blouse may be anything . Choon Guan front may or may not be significant of from a 'jersey' to a short-waisted General and Mrs H. Miss A. Square aggressive intentions, but the Austrians blouse, with or without basques. The Hall Mrs H. W. Stackhoom of the Mrs H. W. Stackhoom are certainly infinitely better prepared dress bodice generally shows two materials, that of the dress itself and Mr L. C. Harman some mousseline or crepe of some kind Mr G. Harper What I saw in my two days' visit was to lighten it, with some embroidery to Mr Geo. Harris most encouraging. Those memorable trim it. The blows may be in with some Mr & Mrs R. D. most encouraging. Those memorable trim it. The blouse may be in silk crepon mountains, which naked but for the or mousseline, delicately embroidered. Mr C. M. HaslewoodMr M. H. Varn Sleeves are long, necks are open, and Mr.W. B. Hind down on the other, are now bristling there are no collars; a little lingerie rever down on the other, are now bristing there are no conars; a nucle ingent rever Mr. L. E. S. Hodge with great works of defence. Almost perhaps, a roll of silk maybe, a touch of Mrs A. E. Hodgins more impressive than the military works velvet, and more often some fine MrA Shelton Hooper Weippert embroidered design following the line of Mr L. Hope the open throat. Fancy braids sometimes Mr J. W. Howell take the place of embroideries, and look well, as they introduce bright colours

The use of lonlard is a notable innova- Mr T. G. Kellin tion. It lines coats and runs over into Mr D. A. Kemp collars and cuffs with complete success. Mr C. King It is chiefly seen in navy blue and white. but looks well in black and white and ingrey. Some foulard dresses are made, and a good deal of tussors is used; both natural colour and dyed, but the really emart material is the silk jersey or a soft! Mr D. K. Blair Mr D. Mulder and orange, the black predominating. Black lend themselves most kindly to such looked more graceful that in this season's About nine months ago I began, models, and never has the plump one had a better chance of looking slim. Tall on short, slim or plump, the fashions seem Mr & Mrs Neil Mac-Mrs Watts There are a lew exaggerations; but

none to be plarmed at; as they are frankly made for exportation. The long dress has friction, move easily about. I recken appeared, and with the exception of lesthat in this way I have saved 90 per gowns and trained evening drawes. It is not much admired. Not to see the les any more seems group, and practica people do dislike having to think should

picking up akirts to avoid dust or tumbling over draperies. "No, the day is still to the short skirt, but not so short as to make high boots a necessary or to make serious women clook like ballet dancers. The less-wide akirts are decidedly an improvement, and the slim, straight figure which will dominate in Paris in future is quite the ideal one when the slimness is not over-emphasized.

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Beyond 6th to 9th milesingle\$1,75......2½ " ,, return\$2.005, ,, Beyond 9th to 11th mile-

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HONGKONG REGISTER. day On date at On date at at 2 p.m. . 6 4.m., 2 p.m. Hamidity Direction of Wind.... 29.90 | Weather

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 25th at 11.50. - No returns from Indo-China. Fressure has decreas quickly at the Bonin Islands and sligh at Weihniwei and Vladivostock; it increased slightly to moderately e where. The anticyclone exhibits tendency to break up, and a depress is situated to the west of the Bonins.

Fresh easterly winds will provail or the northern portion of the China Sea Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hor ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. To since January 1st, 7,85 inches, against

average of 10.48 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending noon on the 26th April:-1.-Hongkong to Gap Rock : El wind

fresh to moderate; cloudy, some drizz 2.-Formosa Channel: N.E. wine strong moderating. 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same 4. South coast of China between

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN APRIL.

Hongkong to Hainan : The same

No. 1.

The following table shows the Sta dard Time at which Official Night en and begins during the month of Apr

27th. 28th . 29th. , 30th, 5.41

RCYAL OBSERVATORY EONGRONG, DAILY WEATH REPORT.

APRIL 25, 1917.—a.m.

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Surigao , 29.78 78 98 82 1 Labuan 39.70 70 94 NE 4 T. F. CLAXTON, Director Hongkong Observatory, April'25, 19 1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degree Fahrinheit, on the level of the sea inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in grees Fahrenheit. 3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of subtr tion, the humidity of hir saturated wi moisture being 100. 4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two point 5. PORCE OF WIND, according

Bes ford Scale. 6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky detached cloud, d drizzling rain, i fo g gloomy, la hail, I light ring, o ov rea passing showers, q squal, r rain 3 suo thunder. w visibility, w dew web). 7. Rain in inches tenths, and he

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has be compiled at the National Almanac Offi in London from the result of the analy of observations taken by means of automatic tide-recording machine in t Water Fouce Basin at Tsim Sha Ts during the years 1887-8-9. The zero of the table corresponds wi

the zero of the sounding in the Admiral Chart, which has been found to be 4 fe 3 inches below mean sea level. To obtain the depth of water on t tid gange at the Victoria Naval Yar add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gang at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 fee Ginches to the height given in the tab!

April 26th to May 2nd, 1917.

HIGH WATER T. F. CLAXTON Director. Hongkong, Observatory, April 25, 1917.

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